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EO 11652: GDS, DECLAS 12/31/73

TAGS: ETRN, CO, PN

SUBJ: CONSTRUCTION OF THIRD SEGMENT OF DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY
IN PANAMA

REF: STATE 12401

1. EMB OFF AND FHWA REGIONAL ENGINEER TRIED TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH MIN PUBLIC WORKS, EXPLAINING PURPOSE OF INTENDED VISIT TO CAMILO CARLES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY'S PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY UNIT. CARLES REPORTED MINISTER ABSENT IN THE US BUT, INSTEAD OF ARRANGING MEETING WITH OTHER OFFICIALS AS REQUESTED, HE COMMUNICATED INFO RE SUSPENSION DARIEN HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION TO MINISTER IN U. S. BY TELEPHONE.

2. AMBASSADOR SIMULTANEOUSLY INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTER TACK AND PRESIDENT LAKAS OF US DECISION TO POSTPONE TEMPORARILY US AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN CANGLON- YAPE SEGMENT OF DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY PROJECT.

3. LAKAS SAID GOP WOULD NEED MORE THAN 24 HOURS TO CONSIDER IMPACT OF US DECISION, BUT HE PROMISED PRELIMINARY REPLY TO AMBASSADOR TODAY, JUNE 26. HE SAID GOP WOULD ALSO CONSIDER STRENGTHENING AFTOSA CONTROL. BUT LAKAS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT
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GOP ABILITY TO DEVELOP AREA, AND TO CONTROL COLOMBIAN INFILTRATION AND THUS AFTOSA UNLESS IT HAD BETTER ACCESS TO AREA. HE SAID GOP NOW HAVING GREAT DIFFICULTY KEEPING ITS PERSONNEL IN AREA BECAUSE OF LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS AND AMENITIES OF LIFE AVAILABLE IN OTHER PARTS OF PANAMA. TACK WELCOMED OFFER FOR INCREASED USG ASSISTANCE ON AFTOSA. WILL CABLE SUBSTANCE OF COORDINATED REPLY OF GOP AS SOON AS RECEIVED.
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